



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – Art Unit 1742

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: ROBERT A. WEAVER *ET AL.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/733,608

FILED: DECEMBER 8, 2000

FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROCESSING A MICROELECTRONIC
WORKPIECE AT AN ELEVATED
TEMPERATURE**

EXAMINER: SIKYIN IP

ART UNIT: 1742

CONF. NO: 4198

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003 in the above-identified application. Please extend the period of time for response by two months to expire on March 17, 2004. Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in an attached replacement sheet and are discussed on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.